

**IDAHO COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
***PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING***

***Thursday, July 26, 2007***

***12:45 to 2:00pm***

**Committee Members: Bob Jackson, Corinne Johnson,  
Shiloh Blackburn, Jim Baugh, James Steed,  
Leslie Clement, Bill Elvey**

**Council Staff: Tracy Warren, Samantha Wallace**

AGENDA ITEM	OBJECTIVE
<b>Call to order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Welcome and Introductions</li><li>- Perfection of Agenda</li></ul>	Handouts distributed.  Bob Jackson will continue as chair for this meeting until October when new members and more committee members are present for a vote.  Things not on the agenda that need discussion: -ADA Restoration Act -VOR (HR2839) -VOR position on SSA Funding -Autism Bill
<b>Roll Call</b>	<u>Council members present:</u> Jim Baugh, Corinne Johnson, Shiloh Blackburn, Bob, Jackson, Bill Elvey <u>Members absent:</u> James Steed, Leslie Clement <u>Staff members present:</u> Tracy Warren, Samantha Wallace
<b>Approval of April 19, 2007 minutes</b> <b>Action ⇌</b>	Motion to accept minutes as written: Corrine Motion Second: Shiloh Unanimous consent to accept minutes
<b>Issues for Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DD Act Reauthorization</li><li>• Proposed DD Act amendment<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- VOR bill (HR2839)</li></ul></li></ul>	-Discussion on DD Act Reauthorization  -Discussion/explanation on VOR Bill by Jim Baugh. Tracy explained about policy announcements that were in packet that were relevant to this bill, also a letter sent to Congress that refers to the bill and the opposition to it

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCLB Reauthorization</li> </ul> <p>Follow-up ⇒</p>	<p>-Discussion on further action needed -None</p> <p><b>NCLB Reauthorization:</b></p> <p>-Discussion by Tracy on this, handouts were given and discussed including NCLB report with data about how children in special education are faring under NCLB. Tracy explained that this information is available online.</p> <p>-Does committee want to lend support, contacting Congressmen, develop recommendations ourselves?</p> <p>-Discussion on finding out how the people that deal with NCLB ( ID Dept. of Ed) feel on this (Bill)</p> <p>- Discussion on articles about NCLB from New Jersey newsletter</p> <p>- Testing for kids with disabilities has not been very useful because of the way the testing works (Bob)</p> <p>[Jim Baugh excused from meeting at 1:10pm]</p> <p>-Alternate testing (standardized tests) only done once a year</p> <p>-How do we see if our child is making progress if they are not being tested (Bob)</p> <p>-Issue with NCLB- accountability for optional groups; Tracy will keep reviewing and providing info to Council</p> <p>-Maybe wait until Congress decides what they want to do and then take action</p> <p>-Need to get full copy of bill and send it out (Bob Jackson)- Tracy will take care of this</p> <p>-Department of Education follow-up by Bill. Bill stated that this may get a more thorough response if it comes from the outside. He suggests that Tracy ask Marsha Beckman about this issue. (Tracy and Bill to work together on this)</p> <p>-Data from the inclusion study (CDHD) discussed-May be able to provide final report to Congressional delegation when project is finished</p>
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<p><b>Follow-up ⇨</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA Restoration</li> </ul>	<p>-Send inquiry to Special Ed Advisory Panel on their position on NCLB</p> <p><b>ADA Restoration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Explained/discussed by Tracy Warren</li> <li>-Protection from Employment Discrimination</li> <li>-SILC will be putting together info and we could support their efforts</li> <li>-A letter could be written to congress</li> <li>-Groups are already working on this so we should just support them and see what help they need</li> </ul>
<p><b>Follow-up ⇨</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Support SILC and CID efforts</li> </ul>
<p><b>Follow-up ⇨</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Motion to support ADA restoration act: Corrine Johnson; second by Shiloh Blackburn</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action ⇨</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VOR Position on SSA funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-No discussion</li> <li>-Unanimous agreement, motion accepted</li> </ul> <p><b>VOR Position on SSA funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-discussion on letter to Congress about Social Security benefits and back logs</li> <li>-discussion by Tracy</li> <li>-We wouldn't want to lend support to the organization but to the issue</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autism Bill</li> </ul>	<p><b>Autism Bill:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-New autism bill in congress based on last year's Combating Autism Act discussed by Tracy</li> <li>-Bill asked what's going on in Idaho around autism issues ....brief overview by Tracy</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up to SBOE letter on school-based Medicaid issues</li> </ul>	<p><b>SBOE Letter on School-based Medicaid:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Information is available in packet</li> <li>-overview by Tracy</li> <li>-How are schools dealing with this, do we want to follow-</li> </ul>

<p><b>Action ⇒</b></p>	<p>up on this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-What district said they would not provide the service? (Bill)</li> <li>-Discussion on one-on-one classroom assistants</li> </ul> <p>Bill - These are not one-sided problems, we need to come up with a plan on how to deal with this, Tracy to follow-up, some of these situations are getting out of control, before it gets there let's talk about this, there was a meeting with Medicaid to see if they can help resolve any of this, they may have some things in place, any situations like this that come up parents/others need to call the Department of Education so that it can be dealt with individually, if they don't have the aide that is needed as specified in the IEP, they can call the school on it (Bill)</p> <p>Bill – attended a recent IPUL parent training on IEPs. The presentation based everything on a relationship instead of problem solving, if it is more than a superficial problem, the parents do not really know how to address it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-There are things about the system that would really benefit the education system</li> <li>-We have some schools saying that they do not want to provide an aide and DD agencies have people that need to be employed that are available now</li> <li>-Tracy to contact Jacques to see what plans are being put together and then report back to the group</li> <li>-Bill went to a question and answers session with Medicaid and discussed this at the meeting.</li> <li>-Discussion on DDAs not being able to bill Medicaid for educational services (Tracy)</li> <li>-Discussion on Community Partnerships and the new preschool that they bought (Bob)</li> </ul>
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	<p>-Discussion on Medicaid providing FAPE to kids</p> <p>-Parent Education is going to be key to this, school needs to be communicating better with parents, make sure the information they are passing on correct information to the parents</p>
<p><b>New Issues for Consideration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Idaho Medical Consent Law</li> <li>• Extended Employment Budget Proposal</li> <li>• Public Transportation - state appropriation</li> <li>• New Issues/input from members</li> </ul>	<p><b>Idaho Medical Consent Law:</b></p> <p>-Handed out and discussed by committee</p> <p>-Table this until Jim Baugh can give input</p> <p><b>Extended Employment Budget Proposal:</b></p> <p>-Information from Tracy; the committee recommended that the Council's position on this be consistent with the position on Segregated and Integrated Employment</p> <p><b>Public Transportation:</b></p> <p>-Information from Tracy</p> <p>-No discussion from members</p> <p><b>New Issues:</b></p> <p>-Shiloh reported on Christine's graduate program project with data from interviews with parents about guardianship.</p> <p>-Tracy reported that she will present a session on transition and "Age of Majority" at the Council for Exceptional Children conference in October. The session will include information for teachers about alternatives to guardianship.</p> <p>-Cameron Gilliland will be providing information to the Consumer Leadership Caucus on guardianship in Idaho</p> <p>-Discussion on whether IPUL was doing any work on guardianship</p>
<p><b>Follow up from April meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Consumer Leadership Committee work on guardianship – <i>Shiloh reported</i></li> <li>✓ Idaho Alternate Achievement Standards and</li> </ul>

	<p>Alternate Assessments information for Committee members – <i>provided by staff</i></p> <p>✓ NCLB Reauthorization information and updates – <i>provided by staff</i></p> <p>✓ DD Act Reauthorization updates – <i>provided by staff</i></p>
<p><b>Wrap Up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review Action Items</li> <li>- Future Agenda Items</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow-up ⇌</b></p>	<p>Group discussed need for interim committee meeting, possibly in October, to start drafting the 2008 Council Legislative Slate.</p> <p>Tracy will contact committee members with possible dates.</p>
<b>Adjourn</b>	The committee adjourned at 2:10 pm